

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

SAC 1 1. An organizer suitable for use in a vehicle bed, said vehicle bed having a floor and two sides, said organizer comprising:

5 a plurality of support legs;
a plurality of joints with each said joint having a plurality of plugs extending outwardly therefrom, each of said plugs being adapted so as to be selectively telescopingly interconnectable to one of said plurality of support legs, and
10 a plurality of lock members, said plurality of elongate support legs and said plurality of plugs being adapted for receiving at least one of said plurality of lock members for fixing a relative axial telescoping position between a respective plug and a corresponding support leg.

15 2. The organizer of Claim 1, wherein:

said plurality of joints and said legs being interconnectable in numerous different framework configurations depending on how many of said joints, said plugs on said joints, said support legs are used and located.

20 3. The organizer of Claim 1, wherein:

each of said plurality of plugs is oriented at a right angle with respect to at least one other plug.

25 4. The organizer of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of support members further comprises:

a plurality of vertically oriented legs; and
a plurality of horizontally oriented legs.

SAC 2-5 The organizer of Claim 1, wherein:

at least one of said plurality of joints has a differing numbers of said plurality of plugs extending outwardly therefrom with respect to at least one other of said plurality of joints.

6. The organizer of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of support legs or said 5 plurality of plugs defines a plurality of holes for receiving said plurality of lock members.

7. The organizer of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of lock members includes a plurality of lock pins.

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8. An organizer suitable for use in a vehicle bed, said vehicle bed having a floor and two sides, said two sides of said vehicle bed having a profile, said organizer comprising:

- a plurality of tubular support members;
- a plurality of connector elements for selectively axially telescopingly interconnecting with said tubular elongate support members; and
- a plurality of lock members, each of said plurality of lock members being mountable at a selectable relative axial telescoping position between one of said plurality of tubular elongate support members and one of said plurality of connector elements, said plurality of tubular elongate support members and said plurality of connector elements and said plurality of lock members being selectively connectable/disconnectable to form any one of a plurality of different framework configurations.

9. The organizer of Claim 8, said plurality of connector elements comprising a joint member from which a plurality of plugs extend outwardly therefrom, each of said plurality of plugs being selectively engageable with one of said plurality of tubular support members.

10. The organizer of Claim 9 wherein said plurality of said connector elements comprise a first joint member with six of said plugs, a second joint member with five of said plugs, or a third joint member with four of said plugs.

11. The organizer of Claim 9, wherein said plurality of connector elements comprises at least one joint member which has four of said plugs being oriented so as to be selectively connectable with up to four tubular support legs substantially oriented in a horizontal direction with respect to said truck bed floor, and two of said plugs being oriented so as to be selectively connectable with up to two support legs substantially oriented in a vertical direction with respect to said truck bed floor.

12. The organizer of Claim 9, wherein said plurality of connector elements

comprises at least one joint member which has four of said plugs oriented so as to be selectively connectable with up to four of said plurality of tubular support legs oriented in substantially a horizontal direction with respect to said truck bed floor and one of said plugs being oriented so as to be selectively connectable with one of said plurality of support legs oriented in a substantially vertical direction with respect to said truck bed floor.

13. The organizer of Claim 9, wherein said plurality of connectors comprises at least one joint member which has three of said plugs oriented so as to be selectively connectable with up to three of said plurality of tubular support legs and one of said plugs being oriented so as to be selectively connectable with up to one of said plurality of support legs oriented substantially in a vertical direction with respect to said truck bed floor.

14. The organizer of Claim 8, wherein said plurality of tubular elongate support members and said plurality of connector elements and said plurality of lock members being selectively interconnectable in at least one framework configuration that mates to said profile of said two sides of said vehicle bed.

15. A method for a vehicle bed organizer, said method comprising:
providing a plurality of telescoping members with each said telescoping member comprising at least two slidably connected components that fit together telescopingly so as to be adjustable in an overall length for adapting to varying lengths of a plurality of vehicle beds;

5 providing joints that interconnect said telescoping members to form a frame structure; and

10 providing a plurality of lock members for selectively locking/unlocking said overall length of said plurality of telescoping members to thereby fix/unfix said frame structure.

15. The method of Claim 15, further comprising:

providing a vehicle bed with slots therein such that said overall length of said plurality of telescoping members is adjustable for mating with said vehicle bed slots to secure said organizer with respect to said vehicle bed.

20. The method of Claim 15, further comprising:

providing said vehicle bed with wheel wells therein such that said overall length of said plurality of telescoping members is adjustable for mating with said vehicle bed slots to secure said organizer with respect to said vehicle bed.

25. The method of Claim 15, further comprising:

selectively arranging said organizer within a vehicle bed over a set of rear wheels of said vehicle; and

providing cargo within said organizer to locate a weight of said cargo over said set of rear wheels.

25. The method of Claim 15, further comprising:

providing said plurality of joints such that each extend a plurality of a first of said at least two slidably connected components forming said telescoping member; and

providing a plurality of leg members that each form a second of said at least two slidably connected components forming said telescoping member.

20. The method of ~~Claim 15~~, further comprising:

5 providing that said lock members for selectively locking/unlocking are operable by hand without the need for a tool.

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